# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# RAILWAYS
# LOK SABHA

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PURCHASING OF POWER
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**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government has approached to the State Electricity Regulatory Commissions for reduction in the high electric traction tariffs;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the State Electricity Boards are opposing the reduction in tariff rates;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether the railways are considering to enter long-term contract for purchase of power from independent power producers; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH)

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir. Railways have filed petitions to the Electricity Regulatory Commissions in the States of Orissa, Maharashtra & Gujarat for reasonable traction tariffs.

(c) & (d) Yes, Sir. Some Electricity Boards, where proceedings have started in the Regulatory Commission, have opposed the reduction in tariffs on the plea of financial burden of subsidies given to some sectors.

(e) & (f) Railways are exploring the possibility of obtaining power from public/private power companies subject to techno- economic feasibility.